

Florida's republican governor Ron DeSantis ignites ideological war against universities announcing that the state would ban its publicly funded universities and colleges from spending money on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) offices and programmes. This decision will likely set up a potential legal battle with the federal government, which requires colleges and universities that accept federal funds to work actively to prevent discrimination based on race and gender. DeSantis also announced that the state would require all students in its colleges and universities to take a 'Western Civilisation' course; this is also likely to set off a court battle over students' and professors' academic freedom. (F: UWN febbraio 2023)